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In re Application of: ) Art Unit:  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

After the title please insert the following paragraph:

-CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION-

The present application is the national stage under 35 U.S.C. 371 of PCT/JP98/00945, filed March 9, 1998.

*Ju 9/7/99* Page 4, line 23, replace "alkoxyl" with --alkoxy--;

line 23, delete "and";

line 24, after "group", insert -*and* an aryloxy

group--; and